

3 is provided between the reserve sealing surfaces.

1 21. (New) The sealing system according to claim 11, wherein the clearance
2 with is 1/15,000 to 1/100 of a nominal width of the sealing system.

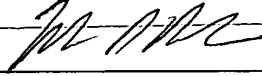
REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is made to present alternative definitions of the invention. No new matter is added. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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